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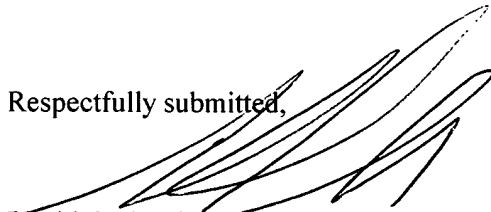
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office.

A modified Form PTO-1449 listing the cited documents is also enclosed, as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of the documents. This Statement is being submitted before the first Office Action on the merits pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, no fee is required with this submission.

United States Patents

US 5,518,060, issued May 21, 1996, Cleary et al.

US 5,721,136, issued February 24, 1998, Finney et al.

Foreign Patents and Published Applications

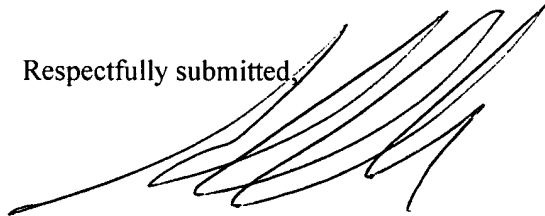
EP 0 011 327 B1, published May 28, 1980, McCune, H.

EP 0 805 345 A2, published November 5, 1997, Zabetakis et al.

Applicants do not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein is material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

Applicants respectfully request that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application, and also printed on any patent issuing from the above-identified application.

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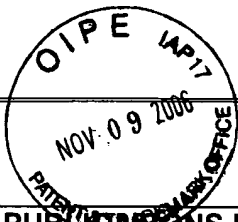
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	AA	US 5,518,060	05/21/1996	Cleary et al.			
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	AC	EP 0 011 327 B1	05/28/1980	McCune, H.				
	AD	EP 0 805 345 A2	11/05/1997	Zabetakis et al.				

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